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The garden tomb where Christ  
was laid and rose again



### House to House

THE QUALITY of a church is rightly determined by the spiritual vitality and force that exists in the homes of that church. What the people do in a church is indicative of its strength. Someone who is well-informed should write an essay on congregational activities. It should be prepared in an unvarnished, frank and detailed manner, covering the behind-the-scenes of the membership. In addition to the complimentary features, some things would be shocking, but, nevertheless, it would be good to have it read.

Building a congregation numerically is dependent on a number of areas. The babies that are born into the homes should readily be presented to the Lord at the altar of the church. New homes that begin at the marriage altar should be a careful concern of the pastor and tied quickly to the life and ministry of the congregation.

House to house visitation stands at the top of the list as the method most effective in developing congregational life. The plan for the pastor, spending his mornings in the study, in prayer and Bible study and relentlessly knocking on doors afternoons and sometimes evenings, as the case may be, has proved to be a profitable routine. First impressions made upon homes that are being called upon for the first time are most important. Whether we create a sectarian or a Christian atmosphere may mean the difference between winning or not the home for the church.

While in attendance recently at a ministers meeting in a certain city, there was handed to each minister a detailed list of newcomers to the city. The pastor carefully scanned the list and discovered a family that he felt he should immediately contact. This is important; the bread-man does it; the milk-man is right there. Most of all, the preacher in the community should be there and make a Christian, spiritual contact.

House to house calling is hard work. You have to love people to do it. But a servant of the Lord who is not willing for "hard work" and does not love people, should re-evaluate what he is pretending to do.

—J.N.H.

"Alcohol does not make people do things better. It makes them less ashamed of doing them badly."

—Dr. William Osler

The month of springtime is here again. The unpleasantness of winter, with its sharp winds, blowing snow and frigid atmosphere are soon forgotten with the coming of the south wind and nature bursting out of its winter hiding place.

But April is also the month of forebodings. The demons of war have used the fair seasons of this month to launch their heartless and devastating methods of human destruction.

The clouds of war hang ominously low again. Will the storm break in the Formosa straits or some other point of aggravation in this tottering world?

Communism must be conquered. How shall it be done? Read, Dick Hillis's article on "The First Communist" on page sixteen.

—J.N.H.

### "We Have It"

W. O. Winger

YES, WE DO have what the world needs and must have if it is to be saved from disaster and ruin. We all are suffering from a dearth of real Pentecostal power and evangelism. And behold the fields are white all ready to harvest, but where are the reapers to seek out the heathen who are increasing faster by birth rate than we are evangelizing them.

As children we always despised the dog in the manger, who could not even be restful while denying the hungry ox his rightful privilege to eat hay. We would have chased the dog away. Had not Queen Esther acted, she also would have been chased away or set aside, and God would have brought deliverance to the Jews from another source, while she and her father's house would have been destroyed.

Great mercy and long-suffering hath God showed to the professing church of America. "We have it," but like the dog in the manger, we are restlessly, feverishly, fearfully, trying to keep these bountiful blessings we enjoy through Christian liberty to ourselves. We are not speaking of those who recklessly spend their millions in sin, to their own ruin, but to us who sing, "I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold." Then choose gold and hide our faces from the Man of Galilee. The heathen and unsaved here and abroad are crying for the Gospel we have. Our Saviour's command is, "Go," and freely share

what we have freely received. But we go not.

God help us to be reasonable right now. The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ always has and always will save from deepest sin and darkness, to the uttermost. We have what mankind needs to enable him to know how to contact God to be saved and prepared for heaven in the end, rather than to reap sin's cruel bondage and be eternally lost.

But we are denying those hungry souls the Bread of Life. "We have it,"—the real plan of salvation for which they are hungry. It is the best life, free from sin, fear, worry, and war, but we are as the dog in the manger. Let us fear, friends, else we shall be chased away and some more worthy persons be called to function in our place who will better give out the Saviour's message. May we awake, and not only be sure that, "We have it" but do our utmost to spread it.

*I seldom notice bookends much,  
Although of course I've seen them.  
They are like ears; what really counts  
Is what one has between them.*

—Selected

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Golgotha, "the place of a skull." This hill where Christ was crucified, is located just above the Garden Tomb pictured on the cover.



# The Man With The Keys

Owen Alderfer

**"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."**

**Revelation 1:18**

**H**E LEFT the glory of His heavenly throne and His Father's presence. He entered the world where the foul atmosphere of sin's power and reign was a stifling, agonizing stench to the pure Son of God. He faced the worst that men and devils could do to him. He knew the tantalizing suggestion of temptation, the hatred of the crowd, the betrayer's kiss. He knew the death of the Cross.

Then the God-Man took the battle to the very lair of the one who would destroy Him. He marched into the stronghold of evil; at the sight of the Conqueror the devils had to bow. Straight into the den of Satan He entered and took away the keys of death and hell and all associated with them. And on the third day He arose!

*Glorious—more glorious, is the crown Of Him that brought salvation down,*

*By meekness called thy Son:  
Thou that stupendous truth believed;  
And now the matchless deed's  
achieved,*

Determined, Dared, and Done.<sup>1</sup>

He took the keys; today and forever Jesus Christ reigns, Alpha and Omega, the Man with the keys.

**HOW DID CHRIST OBTAIN THE KEYS?**

A villainous usurper, through treachery and deceit in Eden, had taken the keys of power and control over the lives of men. He had exercised his sway over the world until God Himself, through the flood, intervened directly by removing sinning men. Before long, as men increased,

it was the old sin-trouble again: the usurper with the keys was controlling men's lives.

But Heaven had its plan, and the heavenly hosts adored the One who alone could bring the plan to fruition. There was but One who could accomplish the task and regain the keys: the Lamb of God, slain from the foundation of the World. What drama must have occurred in eternity past when the Son willingly volunteered to empty Himself, take upon Himself the form and nature of man and come to the rescue of God-despising men.

In the self-emptying, Jesus exposed Himself to all of Satan's dastardly machinations. Again and again the tempter came—always to be repulsed. The organized forces of the evil one,



masquerading under the banner of religion—and oblivious of the fact that they were Satan's dupes—hurled their barrage of unbelief, hatred and opposition at Jesus, but this demonic effort, too, was futile. Though tempted, Jesus lived without sin; the outer bastion of the enemy's fortress had been pierced.

Satan threw all his might into the battle. What a victory Hell must have celebrated when the Son of God hung dying upon the Cross! How hollow and short-lived the "victory" was, for the Son of God in dying, tasted death for every man; He who knew no sin became sin for us all that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. In His sinless life and vicarious death, He made conquest of sin, not only for Himself, but also for all the race.

Dying, Jesus entered into the stronghold of the enemy who had been proven powerless against the Son of God. And Satan surrendered the keys! In that moment, the doom of Satan and all his host—and all men who insist upon being his followers—was set. Judgment was pronounced and the day of execution is forthcoming.

Then Jesus arose—the Victor with the keys; in this, the God of all testified to the truth of all that Jesus had said and done.

#### WHAT DO THE KEYS SIGNIFY?

Glorious is the weight of meaning flowing from this victory of the God-Man who holds the keys of hell and of death. He who battled Satan to the finish and triumphed, stands forth as Authority and Power eternally. In His hand are the keys. As keys in our culture are a symbol of authority—the right of access and control—so the keys in the hand of Christ dramatize the real authority which is His. This is no paper authority; it is authority backed by power. The Son has power to open and to close. He has power to administer in affairs of heaven, earth, and hell. He holds the power of control, for He declared, "All power is given unto me in heaven and earth."

Christ has exercised the power of the keys. His exercise is the testimony of His power in situations known to men. What realms of being beyond our sphere have felt the power of His sway, we do not know. We see His power operative within the framework of human experience.

The Man with the keys, on the levels of human understanding, has demonstrated His power over sin. He was impeccable. No man dared accuse Him. No fault was found in Him. Had sin been found in Him,



## A Meditation for the Lenten Season

Avery Musser

WHAT AN EXAMPLE of unselfishness is given to us in the life of Christ! We have the choice of following Him or walking in our own selfish ways and losing the best in this life, and in the end everlasting life. *The Sunday School Times* is credited with a parable from the land of India that shows how selfishness defeats itself. It is the parable of the Selfish Fool, to whom a rice field was bequeathed. The first season the irrigation water covered his field and made it fruitful, and then flowed on to his neighbor's fields, bringing fertility everywhere. But the next season the Selfish Fool said within his heart, "This water is wealth, it is liquid harvest. I was a fool to let this treasure scape to my neighbor's land." He robbed his neighbor—and he spoiled his own crop. For the irrigation water brought blessing while it flowed, but when it became stagnant it bred a marsh."

Dear reader, we can become all wrapped up in ourselves (it is said this makes a very small package) caring for no one else and think we are having the time of our life, not realizing the wealth of living that would be opened to us if we would make the order of our lives—God first, others second, and self last.

How refreshing it is to meet those who have followed the words of Jesus—"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." Or in these words which are more emphatic: "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children and brethren, and sister, yea, and his own life also, he *cannot be my disciple*. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, *cannot be my disciple*."

How clear, how piercing, how searching are these words of the Master regarding self-denial! The wonderful thing about this is that when all carnality has been burned out of the heart by the fire of God (for it is this that hinders crossbearing in our lives) then we can find joy and peace and blessing here that can be found in no other way of life.

In conclusion here are some pithy statements on self-denial and cross-bearing passed on to us by others:—

"An opportunity to sacrifice is a chance to get acquainted with Christ."

"That which we have given up for Christ is not forfeited but transferred."

"Since Jesus bore the cross and died on it for us, ought we not to be willing to take it up for Him?" What is your answer?

Shippensburg, Pa.

there would have been no resurrection.

His sway extends over death, hell, and the grave. Death could not keep its prey, for He was Life and in Him was Life. As the enemy must give ground in the presence of superior force, so Death must yield in the pres-

ence of the majesty of Him who is life. Hell had no power to touch this spotless Son of God. Its torturous impact can touch and claim only that which is its progeny. The grip of the tomb was powerless over Him. As the seed which has in it the principle of life breaks through the stony soil,



pushing its life into the free air, so Christ who is Life came forth in His time to prove that He holds the keys.

His power extends over the state. Had not Rome, the world's great power, placed its seal upon the tomb of the Saviour? Who would dare tamper with Leviathan—the all powerful state? Christ would dare! He burst the seals! The seals of states are gilt scraps before Him. He raises up nations and He crushes nations to the dust. The Man with the keys unlocks the affairs of nations.

The power of the Man with the keys extends to His enemies. When men had denied and denounced Him and had committed their murderous deed, He came forth the Head of His church. He has continued to haunt His enemies down the years. They seek to destroy Him and the memory of Him, but always He is there and His presence maddens His enemies. He is their troubler and dis-

turber. After all their frantic efforts and mad schemes, one day they too will bow the knees and confess that Jesus is Lord.

The Man with the keys has the power over His Church. Judaism which had claimed to be the representative of God on earth, proved decadent and hollow. Christ, in His resurrection, unlocked the door to a living church in vital contact with its living Head. Of that Church He declared: "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it," signifying that He holds the keys and that His church shall live. The organized church has had times of coldness and laxity. The Church has been embattled and has suffered persecution, but the Church—Christ's body will live on and triumph until Jesus comes, for He holds the keys.

<sup>1</sup> Stewart, James S., *Heralds of God*, p. 66, 67.

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had little time to formulate his thoughts. He was too excited to even speak. Sure enough the tomb was open and Peter rushed in ahead of John. Who opened the tomb? What object had they in removing the body when they had taken such great pains to see that it was sealed with the Roman seal. They did not have time to reason, for their thoughts were soon occupied with something else.

There were the grave clothes. Why had they removed the body and left the wrappings? But there was something about those wrappings that attracted their special attention. It was something unusual, for when they saw they believed; that is, John did. The grave clothes were lying there with all their convolutions as when the body was within them. His sacred body was not removed by vulgar hands, leaving the grave clothes disheveled or scattered around. His body had simply vanished through them. This was the convincing thing to the disciples. Up to this time they could not believe that He was to rise again, but now they are convinced, for there could be no other explanation to account for the undisturbed condition of the grave clothes.

After this mute rebuke to their unbelief the disciples went back to their home. It would have been interesting to listen in on their discussion as they went away from the empty tomb. Luke tells us that Peter "departed wondering in himself at that which was come to pass." (24:12) Who took the body out of the tomb? What was their object in taking the body? What did they do with it? These could easily have been some of their questions. But why were the grave clothes undisturbed? This was the disconcerting question.

When they came back to the city, it could not have been long until they heard the report of the Roman guard that the disciples had stolen the body while the guard was asleep. Preposterous! Who ever heard of a Roman guard asleep? And which disciples would think of perpetrating such a fraud? Then what about that earthquake early in the morning? Was there any significance to that? Soon the women came in excitedly to announce that they had seen the living Christ and that He had talked with them, and especially that they were to tell Peter. This must have made Peter's heart "skip a beat."

If Peter and Jesus had a meeting that afternoon, as many believe, there is no definite record of it. Peter was too humiliated with his miserable failure to ever refer to it. Whenever

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# Peter and the Resurrection

H. W. Buckwalter



PETER'S NAME is mentioned more frequently in connection with the events of that first Easter. Let us follow him through those eventful days and try to learn some of the lessons he learned. He was so much like some of us today that what was good for him will be good for us also.

Jesus' teaching about His resurrection was something that Peter, with the others, could not grasp. No one had ever risen from the dead. And now to believe that his Master would rise from the dead was something too mysterious for him to comprehend. Of course, he believed in the resurrection at the last day, but like the rest of us, he put it so far down in the future that it had little meaning. Then, too, when Jesus spoke of His resurrection, death was not in the picture in Peter's mind. Jesus was only in the prime of manhood and just beginning a great ministry.

Now we find Peter after the crucifixion and death of Jesus with his heart crushed with sadness. Death al-

ways brings sadness, but this was especially so to Peter. That miserable denial and no chance to make apology did not lighten the burden. He had hoped that this was He who would restore the kingdom to Israel, but all those hopes were nailed to the cross and carried to the tomb with the lifeless form of Him who had done such wonderful things and of Whom he expected so much. His hopes came to a sudden end in crushing grief, and what Jesus had said about His rising again the third day was a profound mystery to him.

It was early on the morning of the third day when Mary Magdalene rushed into the house of John, where Peter was being entertained, with the news, "They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him." At once Peter and John hurry out of the city to the place of burial to investigate. What must have been their thoughts? Especially what was in the mind of Peter? Most likely he



"Missions are not, as many Christians seem to think, just one of the benevolences of the Church . . ."

# The Supreme Importance of Missions

FOR SOME time past a great burden has rested upon my heart, causing me to impress upon God's people the *supreme importance of missions*. This burden has become well-nigh unbearable, for I realize that many otherwise earnest and sincere Christians look upon this subject rather lightly.

. . . I am speaking of missions, in the largest sense of the word, as referring to Gospel testimony throughout the world. Enlightened believers will readily agree that those people who have never had an opportunity of hearing the Good News of salvation, should have our immediate and earnest attention, and there are approximately 1500 millions of such unfortunate people in the world today, in spite of the fact that the church has had its marching orders for nearly two thousand years. May God, by His Holy Spirit, burn this fact indelibly into our hearts, so that from this moment, we may as never before redeem the time in these evil days. Oh, that each one of us, by the grace of God, might understand that our chief business in life is to witness by word and deed to those who know not Christ as their Saviour . . .

Unless all our Bible conference teaching and the messages of our faithful pastors make us realize that we are to take the Gospel message to the ends of the earth, as speedily as possible, they fail to accomplish the purpose of teaching and preaching; indeed, the result will be even worse, for we are apt to become puffed up with much learning. We should, therefore, ask ourselves this very moment, *as we read*, whether we are passionately seeking the lost, realizing the many spiritual advantages and opportunities which are ours. Otherwise there must be something radically wrong with our spiritual condition.

There are, without doubt, sufficient resources, both of men and money, in the present Church of Christ, to evangelize the world in a generation of time. All that is needed is that we, the people of God, arise and go forward in the sacrificial spirit of Christ, preaching His death, resurrection,

and righteousness to all men. The task is not an impossible one, for all things are possible with God. At the present time, Christian people are spending more in money and physical energy upon themselves than would be required to complete the work committed to our care; therefore, it becomes us to pray and urge each individual believer to take the supreme task of missions far more seriously than any of us have done in the past.

Missions are not, as many Christians seem to think, just one of the benevolences of the Church to which we are obligated to give a generous share of our means, and encourage a few specially called young people to

go as missionaries. Brethren! Missions mean far more than that! They are most dear to the heart of God. It is through missions that the blessed hope of the coming of our Lord is to be brought to pass. If the thousands of Christians who love to study prophecy would only say from their very hearts, "Lord Jesus, from henceforth I will make every effort to pray and give, and, if called, personally to go forth to win souls for Thee, that Thy return may be hastened by the gathering in of the lost ones for whom Thou didn't die"—how the Lord's heart would rejoice to hear such a dedication!

—A. J. Bowen, quoted by his biographer, Ezra A. Shank in "Fervent in Spirit" (S.A.G.M.)

## "For the Gospel's Sake They Went Forth"

When Glenn and Beth Frey stepped off the plane at the International Airport in New York on Monday, February 14, the W. O. Winger family were together as a complete family for the first time since 1936 when Bert, Mark, Beth, and Paul said goodbye at the docks to their parents, who returned to Africa for their third term, and to Elmo and Ruth who accompanied them. Since 1936, the parents served their third term (ten years) in Africa; Bert and his wife, their first; and Beth, her first. The parents' thirty-six years under the Foreign Mission Board included over thirty-two years in Southern Rhodesia and two furloughs.

Sister Beth will be undergoing an urgent appendectomy during this short furlough in the United States. The Freys will return to Africa by transport boat sailing May 10. Up to that time, letters may be addressed in care of Armour Frey, Conestoga, R. 2, Pa.

**Lois Frey Barham on Visit to Mother.** A missionary daughter of another of our missionary families, highly-esteemed for the Gospel's sake, Mrs. Leslie Barham of "Christian Missions in Many Lands," is visiting her mother, Sister Emma Frey, at the Messiah Home. Mr. Barham is carrying on mission activities in Northern Rhodesia during her absence, and the children, Ruth and Ray, are attending the Boarding School for missionaries' children at Sekeje, N. Rhodesia. Mrs. Barham will be returning in August, by which time it is hoped that Mother Frey's health will have improved. The furlough of Lois' sister Mabel, on the Mtshabezi Mission Staff, is slated for the latter part of this year.

Mrs. Barham may be addressed in care of Mrs. Emma Frey, 2001 Paxton St., Harrisburg, Pa.

## Welcome Home!

Sister Elizabeth Engle is enroute home by the East Coast after a second term in service in Rhodesia. She plans to visit her sister Mary (Mrs. Richardson) living in Kenya and to arrive in England around April 1, hoping to reach the States soon after Easter.

## Peter and the Resurrection

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the disciples gathered after this, you could count on Peter being there, and on time. At the sea of Tiberias Peter was drawn out to make a fundamental declaration. Jesus did not ask Peter if he would defend Him, or if he would work for Him, nor if he was ready to die for Him; but if he loved Him. What Jesus asks is our love. He to whom much is forgiven, will love much. (Lu. 7:47) Our Church enlargement campaigns, our missionary enterprises, our great evangelistic campaigns, our great successes in soul winning, He would not discourage; but if love is missing then it is only hay, wood and stubble. What Jesus craves above everything else is love. Can we kneel down and look up into His face and say, "Dear Jesus, I love you"? "Thou knowest that I love thee."



## Commissioned to Africa

"... as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

Out from the realm of the glory light  
 Into the faraway land of night;  
 Out from the bliss of worshipful song  
 Into the pain of hatred and wrong;  
 Out from the holy rapture above  
 Into the grief of rejected love;  
 Out from the life at the Father's side  
 Into the death of the crucified;  
 Out of high honor and into shame  
 The Master willingly, gladly came:  
 And now, that He may not suffer  
 anew,  
 As the Father sent Him, so sendeth  
 He you.

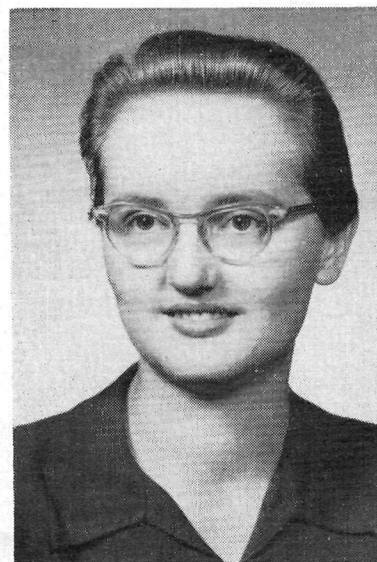
—Henry W. Frost, D.D.



Fannie Longenecker, Kansas  
 (Zion Congregation)



Lois Davidson, Indiana  
 (Garrett Congregation)



Ruth Hock, Pennsylvania  
 (Green Springs Congregation)

Leaving New York, March 18, traveling via England, arriving in Cape Town, April 14

"The Welcome Home belongs to their families; their going out belongs to the Church."

— J. G. Kuhns

A BEAUTIFUL mid-March Lord's day afternoon ... another Farewell Gathering at the Messiah Home of brethren and sisters in the Lord, friends, three father-mother couples from three different states prepared to give of their daughters "to spread the message glorious." Graybill Wolgemuth presiding with joy for missionaries being sent forth, Irvin Curry, Associate Member of F. M. B., leading in invocation. Ruth Hock outlining three powerful motives for service from II Corinthians Five ... Lois Davidson (great-niece of our pioneer Frances F. Davidson) telling of the Lord's definite leadings ... Fannie Longenecker thanking the Lord and

the Home Church for the blessings of her furlough and a fresh anointing ... J. Kuhns presiding over the lifting of the offering (it amounted to \$237) to be divided among the three messengers ... the Executive Secretary informing us of late developments: Mobile Unit to be sent out from New York by April 15 to India as a more timely aid than an immobile hospital, hoping it will arrive in time to be of aid during the emergencies arising out of the flood that accompany the melting of the snow on the Himalayan heights ... "somewhere, somehow, in the last six months there has been a considerable shrinkage in contributions to foreign

missions" occasioning serious concern to the Board ... the Ladys are still in Israel but we cannot say for how long ... in Hagi, Japan, though the Willms are a distance away in language school, there are two Sunday schools operating as a result of their brief labours there ... Longenecker, Davidson and Hock singing an impromptu trio: "Fairest Lord Jesus" ... "Who makes the woeful heart to sing" (May the Lord through them make many a woeful heart to sing!) ... Season of short prayers, Brother Flewelling, pastor of Sister Hock's home congregation leading ... "Speed Away! Speed Away!"

—M.C.K.



## From the Letter-Bag

### An Old Outstation Suffers Changes

THE OUTSTATION Gwakwe, which we visited on Sunday is quite different from what it was years ago—one of our old, strong, well established congregations. For several years it was thought that the people living there would have to move to other localities and the school be closed. In fact, many of the Christian families did move.

Then the whole Gwakwe region was added to the Reserve and homes placed in "lines" to conform to the established pattern. Already the Christian families were nearly all gone. Others of the "compound" type—moved in and on the "line." A new burnt brick church-school with asbestos roof and two large rooms was erected. Fortunately, Seth Nkala (pastor for many years—a fine type of African) and family had not gone. He is still filling the post with Gwapi's son David as assistance. But *the congregation has changed*; only a very few of the former Gwakwe people are left.

#### A CHALLENGE TO PRAYER

The shifting of people (by the Government) certainly has changed many communities. We hope that the Christian families which were thrown among non-Christians will be lights for Christ. We can hope also that what was said of the early Christian Church at the time when they were persecuted in Jerusalem will be said of the African Church: "... *they went everywhere preaching the Gospel.*" For indeed many of the Christians were uprooted and sent many miles away into strange places.

... Pioneering in new places has many hardships—which seem harder because the moving was thrust upon them. They did not go pioneering because they wanted it—not for a rich farm in Kansas or gold in California. We were told a few days ago that one family which moved up to the Gokwe Reserve about 130 miles north of Bulawayo reported that they have so far to the nearest store that it takes all day to go to do any buying. Then often they are unable to get either sugar, soap, or paraffin (which commodities now seem as necessary for their well-being as do certain ones which you and I have learned only within the last few years. M.C.K.).

Mtshabezi Mission

## Foreign Mission Projects

### Missionary Maintenance:

Average cost of maintaining a missionary year after year. \$1000.00  
On some mission fields this amount will not pay all current expenses and provide travel expenses also. However, since it represents an average, the Mission Board is glad to accept individual support on this basis. If you are interested in a project not mentioned with this list, let us know and we will be glad to enlist you in the good work.

### Missionary Travel Costs:

Average costs to Africa (sea voyage only) .....	\$ 320.00
Average incidental costs en route, such as freight, lodging, railroad fares, meals, etc. ....	\$ 150.00
Average fares to India (sea voyage only) .....	\$ 500.00
Average incidental costs en route, such as freight, food, lodging, etc. ....	200.00

Other items such as rail fares alone could also be offered if there are those who are interested in such projects.

### Japan:

Toward language study costs. At least six months will be spent by Brother and Sister Willms in study. Exact figures are not available but \$25.00 or \$50.00 so designated will be credited toward such mission work. Sums specifically designated for support of the work in Japan will also be so recognized.

### Israel:

Contributions toward language study are needed. A hymnal is being prepared for the Hebrew Christians. A limited contribution to this fund might make a project.

### Africa:

Hospital equipment for the Macha Hospital is in order.

Beds .....	30.00
Operating table .....	80.00
Scales, each .....	15.00
Thermometers, per dozen .....	8.00
Auto-clave .....	150.00
Sterilizer .....	60.00

### India:

Equipment in Mobile Medical Unit

Sterilizer .....	65.00
Hot water tank .....	80.00
Water filter .....	28.00
Operating table .....	80.00
Canvas cover for operating table .....	36.00
Jars for dressings; forceps and instruments .....	67.00
Support of Orphan boys and girls, per individual per year .....	60.00
Evangelists and Bible Women, per individual per year....	100.00

### General Fund:

Since the basic essentials of the Missionary Program are supported thru this fund, it is most essential that we always bear in mind the need of supporting this fund.

For further information on any of these projects or other special needs in which you might be interested or desire to send special gifts to, write Bishop Henry N. Hostetter, Executive Secretary, Washington Boro, Pa. Send all contributions to Bishop C. J. Ulery, 1332 Maiden Lane, Springfield, Ohio.



# HOME

## Silver Threads

Edward A. Jenne

AS SCIENTISTS and doctors discover new ways of curing and preventing disease, the ranks of older people are constantly increasing, a development that poses many problems. Industry is not interested in hiring older people. Often they are very lonely because most of their friends have passed on, and their children have homes of their own. Hence the older people are likely to feel unnecessary, unwanted and forgotten.

After living busy, useful lives old people quite naturally resent being "put on the shelf." They still desire to be useful.

Most older people are plagued by worries about money and hence feel insecure. The aging parents should have some money of their own, which they can spend as they wish. This power helps keep up their morale and makes up for other frustrations.

Older people love to talk. Conversation is a tonic for them and helps keep their mind off their aches and other troubles. Younger people should remember this.

The aged should be kept interested in making a neat appearance. They should have some nice things to wear, not merely castoffs. And they should be urged to get out of the home occasionally for shopping.

It is important that old people keep active in one way or another. Too sudden retirement without interests is disastrous. We should all develop some interest or hobby earlier in life in preparation for our later years. Some older people have even succeeded in turning their hobby into something profitable and earned additional income, not to mention the joy and satisfaction of still "belonging" and of being useful. An avocation often becomes a vocation and gives a new lease on life. Church work offers many opportunities for activity and service.

Many older people are unhappy. They feel shelved, unwanted, unloved. They suffer greatly from loneliness. The worst feeling that can come to any human being is a feeling of utter aloneness, a feeling that nobody cares what might happen to him. And such feelings may easily come over older people, particularly where the marriage partner has passed away. Such persons need to develop new interests,

new ties, and get out socially with people of their own age and of similar interests.

Most important of all is the matter of attitude. For one thing, you are not old until you think that you are old. All of us know some surprisingly young oldsters. Old age should be regarded not as decay and decline, but more as the harvest time of life . . . when our chief work is done, our children reared and sent out to live lives of usefulness. By this time we have gathered much wisdom from the years and achieved inner balance and serenity.

Here, as everywhere else in life, Christian faith makes all the difference in the world. If this life were all, man might well feel sad in his old

CONGRATULATIONS to Barbara Martin (Mrs. J. H. Martin) of Elizabethtown, Penna. who, in the minds of the judges, submitted the best expression on "The Home." Thanks to all others who were interested enough to send in some very fine expressions on the same subject. To Mrs. Martin will be sent a year's subscription to *Home Life*, a Family Magazine. Here is her winning definition:

"The Home is the cornerstone of society, God's great workshop, the most vital and most precious unit of human life. At its best, home is 'heaven on earth,' where Father reigns with Christian love and Mother cheerfully cooperates. Together they pray and strive to meet the spiritual and temporal needs of their dear children."

age to face the final blackness of death. But as Christians we know that old age is the prelude to heaven, that the sunset of life is followed by the dawn of endless eternity. And so the aged Christian bears his infirmities patiently.

Christian children will show affection and consideration for their aged parents who once did so much for them, remembering that they, too, one day will be old and that we should do unto others as we would have others do unto us. We all need special attention and affection when we are very young and when we are old. All our lives we need the inner warmth that goes with feeling wanted and loved and secure.

And no matter what may happen to you, my aged friend, though you may be deserted and rejected even by your children, there is One who "sticketh closer than a brother," your Savior, and Friend ever and always. As Christians, we never walk alone.

From *THIS DAY*

## Some Parents Say—

### Shall I Force My Child to Go to Sunday School and Church?

Yes, and with no further discussion about the matter, too. Startled? Why?

How do you answer Junior when he comes to the breakfast table Monday morning and announces rebelliously, "I'm not going to school today." You know, Junior goes!

How do you answer when Junior comes in very much be-smudged and says, "I'm not going to take a bath." You know, Junior bathes!

How do you answer when Junior threatened with illness, says, "I'm not going to take medicine." You know, he takes it!

That is, you, with your more mature judgment in such matters, can appreciate values Junior cannot appreciate in his immaturity.

Why all this timidity, then, in the realm of his spiritual guidance and growth? Are you going to let him wait and decide what Church he'll go to when he's old enough to decide whether or not he wishes to go? Does he decide to go to public school and get an education—or whether or not he wishes to take the medicine that would make him well?

Are you afraid he'll succumb to the old wives' story about too much religion when he was young—the parents-made-me-go sort of gag? Look about you: the story is demonstrated and obviously false, despite its currency. Do you suppose that because you insist that Junior take his bath tonight, he will turn into a Bathless Groggins when he is twenty-one?

What shall we say when Junior announces he doesn't like Sunday School or Church? That's an easy one. Just be consistent: "Junior, in our home we all attend Sunday School and Church: that includes you."

Your firmness and example here will furnish a bridge over which youthful rebellion may travel into rich and satisfying experience in personal religious living. And we add this quote:

"The parents of America can strike a most effective blow against the forces which contribute to juvenile delinquency, if our mothers and fathers will take their children to Sunday School and Church regularly."

—J. Edgar Hoover of the F.B.I. in *Family Altar Crusader*



## Symposium: YOUR CHURCH AND YOU

THIS MONTH THE BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH HAS "HOSTED" THE SECOND ANNUAL CHRIST'S CRUSADERS DAY. THE ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION GIVEN THIS COMMISSION ON YOUTH PROJECT PINPOINTS THE FACT THAT INCREASING ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE TO INTEGRATE THE ENERGIES OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE INTO THE PROGRAM OF THE CHURCH. SUCH INTEGRATION MUST NOT BE MOTIVATED BY THE SELFISH OBJECTIVE OF DENOMINATIONAL SURVIVAL OR SELF-PERPETUATION FOR ITS OWN SAKE. IF OUR PERSPECTIVE IS CLEAR, WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT THE CHURCH NEEDS THE YOUTH ONLY BECAUSE THE CAUSE OF CHRIST NEEDS YOUTH!

BUT IS THE TASK OF MORE EFFECTIVE YOUTH PARTICIPATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SOUL-WINNING, THAT OF THE PASTOR OR CHURCH LEADERS ONLY? TODAY'S SYMPOSIUM, FEATURING THE OPINIONS OF TWO YOUNG PASTORS, SUGGESTS FIRST THAT YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE PROGRAM OF CHRIST IS A MUST. SECOND, IT IS INSISTED THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ACCOMPLISHING THIS OBJECTIVE IS SHARED BY YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE. IT'S A "DOUBLE HEADER" JOB! !

—E.L.B.

### THE CHURCH: Its Responsibility to You

*Gerald Wingert, Pastor  
Altoona Brethren in Christ Church*

IF THERE IS to be a church of tomorrow, the youth of today must be nurtured, guided, and prepared to assume this responsibility. There was a day when youth were not recognized as an important factor in a strong church. No great effort was made to understand their problems, or to create an environment that would hold them. Because of this some of our pastors are now saying, "If we do not soon get younger membership the church will come to naught." In numerous churches those who carry the spiritual and financial burden are over fifty years of age. The church that fails to concern herself with youth will soon be no church.

What then is the responsibility of the church to her youth? It is fourfold—spiritual, social, mental, and physical development. To overdo one to neglect of the others will bring chaos. It is true that the church's primary area of functioning is in the spiritual realm, but the church that will develop its youth in all areas of life will be a wise church.

In order for the church to develop her youth spiritually she must first of all lead them into the kingdom through the new birth. This will happen as she continues in prayer,

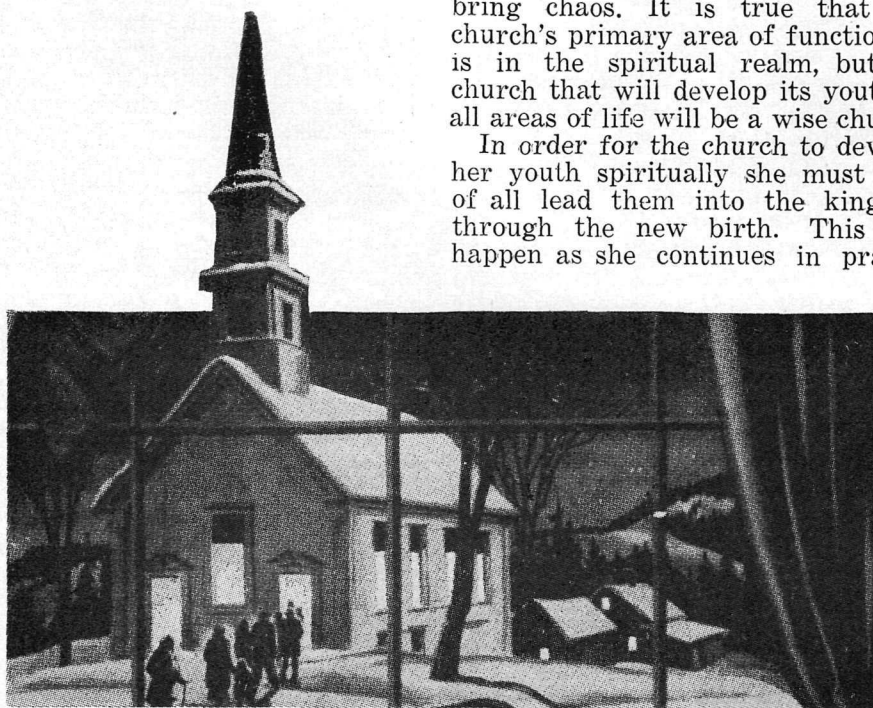
preaching the Word, and living an overflowing life before her young people.

The Church owes spiritual instruction to her youth. Young people have many problems which are not solved by ignoring them.

The wise church will provide spiritual exercise that her youth may grow. Young people must be tied into the church program where they will have opportunity for self-expression. Christ's Crusaders' activities as well as street meetings, jail services, and hospital work provide excellent opportunities for spiritual development.

What does the church owe her youth in the area of mental development? We are thankful for what our church schools are doing in this and other areas of Christian development. The church has great need for developed minds under the power of God. She has rallied to the need of her youth and provided excellent facilities for developing mental capacities. Since all youth are not privileged to attend a church school, the pastor should provide additional opportunities by teaching classes in Bible subjects and other areas in which he is qualified, or securing the services of another qualified teacher.

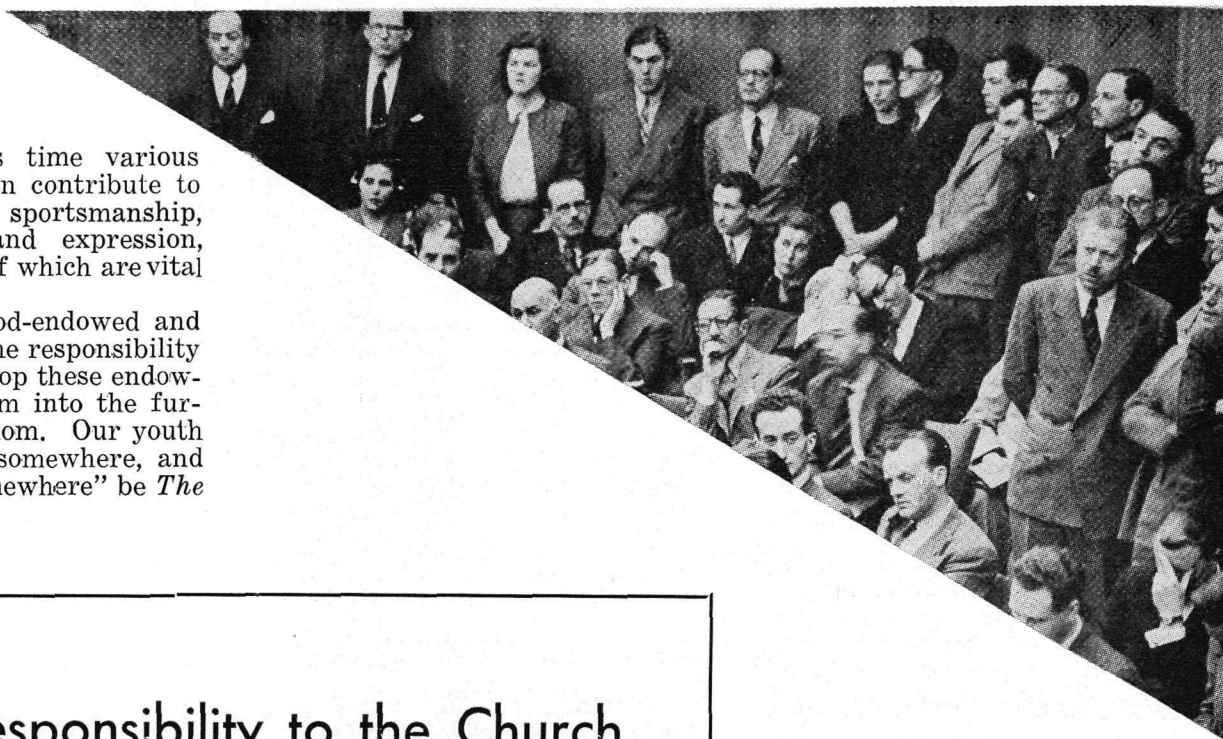
The church has a responsibility to her youth in the areas of social and physical development. This does not mean that the church basement should have a gymnasium, but it does mean that avenues for proper expression should be provided. Wise is the pastor who knows the date of the spring frolic, senior prom, or high school dance, and then on that evening provides some wholesome activity for his high-schoolers! Not only at these times but at regular intervals church youth should be gathered together for an evening fellowship





period. During this time various competitive games can contribute to the development of sportsmanship, physical relaxation and expression, and team-work—all of which are vital in a church program.

These areas are God-endowed and created; hence, it is the responsibility of the church to develop these endowments and direct them into the furtherance of the kingdom. Our youth will find expression somewhere, and why not let that "somewhere" be *The Church*.



## YOU: Your Responsibility to the Church

*Paul Snyder, Pastor  
Carlisle Brethren in Christ Church*

**N**O ONE becomes hilarious at the sight of an obligation, but we have learned the inevitable law of life—to get something you must give something. How about school? You say, "I'm getting through on a cinch!" Ten years from now may be the proof of the pudding! Ten years from now, will you be saying, "I'm glad I got through school on a cinch"?

We all agree that the church has something to offer us, in fact, Rev. Wingert's article insists that it *owes* us something. The church is not here to straight-jacket us but to help us into an ever-widening atmosphere of Christian nurture, growth and service.

But what can I put into it? What do I owe it? First, as a young person I owe the church my *life* in complete harmony with God's will. If I'm a "born-againer" my chief objective should be to find God's niche for me.

Any sin, or even God's permissive will rather than His directive will for my life, is a serious detriment to my church. The church is composed of individuals and its strength is only the sum total of the strength of its individuals. My spiritual fervor will influence the spiritual fervor of my church.

My church needs the *contagion* of my life. It needs allies in its evangelistic tasks and I must be one with an

enthusiastic love for God and a passion for others. I should live aggressively, be as cooperative and active as is possible in school, and choose my circle of friends to be those who will challenge the best in me.

"Where are you?" is the first question recorded in the Bible. I must ask myself that question. I may be a student in College, Bible School or Seminary; maybe a president of Christ's Crusaders, a Sunday-school teacher or superintendent; or I may have a business or professional career in my subconscious. All this may or may not be fine. It all depends upon my answer to the next question: "Why am I where I am?"

I owe my church *loyalty*. There are so many groups clamoring for my allegiance that it is not a matter of what shall I do, but rather what shall I choose to do. Christ and the church require my first obligation. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God" is a principle of the Kingdom. Church loyalty supersedes home, school, community, and social loyalties.

Church loyalty dips into the talents God shared with me. That ability in music, speaking, teaching, or be it another gift, I need to share it in my church. Be a "first-seeker" and you will be amazed to find how nicely the pieces fit into the puzzle of life.

Then I owe my church *legal tender*.

Most young people do not suffer from overloaded pocketbooks. But none of us is exempt in our responsibility to God in relation to what we owe Him.

During the Middle Ages a university student buried his purse and marked its resting place with a stone on which he carved these words, "Here lies the soul of Licentiate Peter Garcias."

He buried his pocketbook to rid himself of the scourge but Christ wants us to give Him claim to it. As my Lord, Christ should be Lord of my purse. He is Master of income and outgo.

She needs my prayers and confidence. I must major in and *take* of her strength and *give* myself to improve and help where she is weak. I need the church and the church needs me.

As a challenge and spiritual incentive to my life, I must believe that in me lies the possibility to be either part of the problem or part of the answer to my church's need as she serves this present day.

Next Issue—

**SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE**



# CHURCH NEWS

## Sherkston, Ontario, Canada

We, as a congregation, have been refreshed spiritually during our two weeks of revival meetings. Our evangelist, Bro. Wm. Lewis, presented such earnest, heart-searching messages. Many of the Christians realized their need for a closer walk with God. Some have been more conscientious about a systematic family devotional period in their daily routine. A number of our youth sought Christ as their own personal Saviour, and in a recent Christ's Crusaders meeting one of these young gentlemen gave praise to God for delivering him from smoking in high school.

One night a passer-by, who had taken the wrong road, saw the lights in the church and decided to stop in. He sought the Lord as his own personal Saviour. The Christian workers believed that a real change had taken place in his heart.

We pray God's blessing upon the Sherkston congregation and also upon Bro. Lewis' ministry.

## SHERKSTON DEDICATION SERVICE

Dedication service of the basement addition at the Sherkston Brethren in Christ Church on Sunday Feb. 6 met with an overflow crowd. Bishop E. J. Swalm, the guest speaker, gave inspiring messages on The Baptism of the Holy Spirit, Foundation Stones, and The Fourfold Issue of Salvation. Bishop Wm. Charlton presided in the dedication. Expressions of appreciation were presented in behalf of the building committee by the chairman, Paul Climenhage, and the pastor, Roy V. Sider, pointed the way for future plans of development.

The new basement is 45' x 37' with facilities for Sunday school classes, nursery, primary church, cloak room, dining room, and kitchen. In addition to this there is 12' x 14' furnace room under the present superstructure and a cistern with a 10,000 gal. capacity.

The total cost at the present is \$12,200. Donations of \$5,300 in cash and \$3,400 has been donated as labour and discounts on supplies and services.

—C.W.

## Hummelstown, Penna.

We were especially thankful on Dec. 19 for the new members who were partaking of the Lord's supper with us for the first time. We pray God's continued blessing on these.

For our Christmas program on Dec. 26, the Christ's Crusaders presented a challenging play "The Star."

We were honored to have Dr. Kenneth Hoover, from Messiah College as our guest speaker for our Parents' Night program on Jan. 21. His subject was "Church and the Home."

On Jan. 30 Bro. Clark Hock, representing Messiah College, spoke to us on the subject "Obedience, The Law of Spiritual Growth."

At our recent W.M.P.C. we were privileged to visit the Navajo Mission in N. M. by means of pictures which were generously shared with us by Bro. and Sr. Avery Kanode.

On Feb. 25, World Day of Prayer services were held in our church with the other four churches of Hummelstown participating. This proved to be a very inspirational program.

## Cedar Grove Cong., Mifflintown, Pa.

We are happy to report the presence of the Lord in our services right from the outstart of the New Year.

One young sister prayed through to victory in the early hours of New Year's morning following the Watch Night Service.

The first Sunday evening service and Prayer Meeting of 1955 were blessed with the presence of the Holy Ghost in a very unusual way when a number of our young people prayed through to victory. May God bless them in His service.

Jan. 16 We appreciated the presence of Bro. and Sr. Allen Hoffer and daughter in our morning worship service. Bro. Hoffer brought the message.

Jan. 23 and 30 Bro. Harvey Lauver ministered to us while Bro. Benner, our pastor, was engaged in a revival service elsewhere.

Feb. 6 marked the beginning of our revival campaign with Eld. Percy Cassel of Canada as evangelist. Bro. Cassel's messages were very helpful to the believers and much appreciated and only eternity will reveal the results. A few sought the Lord at the altar for forgiveness of sins and a few for heart-cleansing and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Others requested prayer. Trust they will seek the Lord with their whole hearts.

Feb. 27 Eld. Henry Frey from Messiah Home, Harrisburg brought the morning message in the absence of our pastor.

We praise the Lord for the interest shown in our Sunday school. Several new families have started to attend.

—A.R.S



## He Has Risen

*"Come, awake, ye sad and weary,  
Hear the glorious news we bear;  
Christ is risen—all triumphant—  
Risen to save from sin and fear!"*

*"Long ago the risen Savior  
Showed His pierced hands and side;  
We today by faith may see Him—  
See Him living, though He died!"*

*"He has risen, hallelujah!  
He has conquered death and sin!  
He is waiting, pleading, sinner,  
Now, for you to let Him in."*

—The Missionary Tidings

## Anniversary

The 25th Anniversary of the Cheap-side Church is being planned for Sunday, March 27. Rev. G. C. Sheffer will be guest speaker, and plans are being made for special singing by the Messiah College Octette. You are invited to be with us. A great day is anticipated.

E. M. Sider

## Mechanicsburg, Pa.

On Sunday Morning November 14, 1954 Elder Harry Hock of Detroit, Michigan came to us for our winter revival. These meetings had been a subject of sincere prayer and interest for a long time among our people. Bro. Hock brought soul-searching messages to us and the presence of the Holy Spirit was felt in an unusual way. Many souls knelt at an altar of prayer. Some for the first time, others seeking a deeper experience and spiritual help. We praise the Lord for testimonies of victory, answered prayer and His precious presence with us. The series of meetings closed on December 1 with a great service that was an answer to many prayers.

The young people of our Sunday school gave a splendid program on the Sunday evening before Christmas. The first part was a variety program presented by the children after which a group of Senior Young People assisted by the Mixed Chorus presented the drama "The Bethlehem Inn." The congregation was reminded anew of the true meaning of Christmas as we went back with them to the birth of our Saviour.

A group of us enjoyed also an evening of Carol Singing after which we met in the home of our Ass't Pastor for a period of fellowship and refreshments.

The Christ's Crusaders group had as their guest Sr. Elizabeth Kanode of the Light-house Mission in Harrisburg. Sr. Kanode spoke concerning their work in a city mission.

February 13 an evening of Song was enjoyed as we joined in a Hymn Sing sponsored by the Christ's Crusaders.

On Wednesday evening February 23 Sr. Erma Hare, who is on furlough from the India Mission field spoke to our group on the India Missions, also showing her pictures of the work there. Sr. Erma is one of our own congregation and we do appreciate her life. We pray God's richest blessings upon her.

D.E.S.

## Chicago Mission, Chicago, Ill.

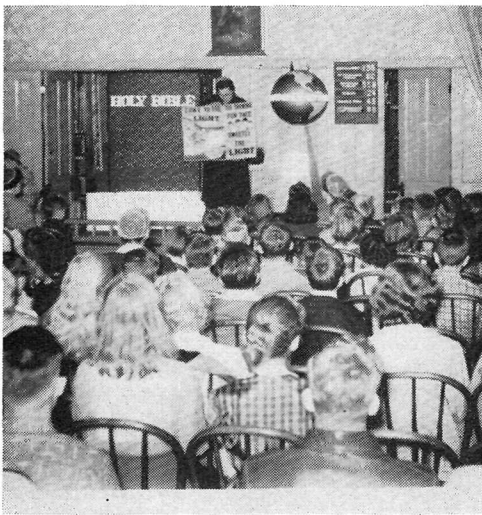
Rally Day—Howard and Pearl Wolgemuth gave visualized messages of interest and blessing to all. They also spoke on Monday and Tuesday afternoons to special meetings for children after school, a large number responding to the invitation.

Missionaries—Jesse and Lucille Lady spent a Sunday with us in August challenging all anew to the needs of Israel. Sr. Erma Hare spoke to us Sunday, January 30 about India. All appreciated the visual view of the work in India through her excellent pictures in color. Rev. Lewis Sider and family spent several days with us, giving a missionary message, with pictures of Africa.

Communion Services and Bible Conference were held in November. Rev. Irvin Kanode was our speaker. In the afternoon we viewed a film of missionary work of the Evangelical Alliance Mission, followed by a message by Miss Bessie Weber on her missionary experiences while on world tour.

Evangelical Visitor





Pearl Wolgemuth brings a visualized message to the children of Chicago Mission.

Christmas Program heretofore given on Sunday morning was presented Sunday night resulting in a number of new parents attending, 185 present. A missionary emphasis was given by children appearing in costumes of different nations of the world.

Revival Services were held in October, by Rev. Midura of Youth for Christ. Bro. Midura was brought up and became active in the Jehovah Witness group. The story of his conversion because Christians would not argue but told of the peace in their hearts, is a thrilling account of the value of witnessing to Christ's power to satisfy the heart. His Bible messages and challenges to youth was a real blessing to all and God worked in our midst during his ministry.

Sunday School Average Attendance was 13 higher in 1954 than 1953. We have classes in three rooms on second floor. Because of this congestion we are installing new classrooms in the basement. Because of new sewers our basement does not now flood during heavy rains. These added rooms for young people will be greatly appreciated. Any gifts for this purpose will be greatly appreciated and report of same will be given later.

Tragedy struck Chicago's skid row recently when 29 men died in a cheap hotel fire next door to the Salvation Army Harbor Light House Corps, headed by Capt. Tom Crocker, himself a convert from skid row and a marvel of God's grace. It was our privilege to speak at this Corps to over 200 men a few days after this fire. Many men in the hotel, so benumbed by drink, had to be forced out bodily, not realizing their danger. They doubtless had often heard the gospel next door but did not accept. We tried to impress on their hearts the necessity of decision before it is too late.

Bro. and Sr. David Wenger, while attending Bible School in Chicago are guests in the Mission home. Their presence is a blessing and inspiration to our services. We also appreciate the help of Paul Landis, formerly of Des Moines, as Ass't Sunday School Superintendent and chorister. We look forward to having Bishop and Mrs. Samuel Wolgemuth, now of Wheaton, Illinois, as special speakers at Christ's Crusaders Day.

The health of the Mission family is good. Our needs have not been small but our Heavenly Father has supplied them. Our hearts are encouraged as we seek to visit,

witness and win souls in this dark and needy community and city. Pray for us.

Memorial Services to honor the memory of the late Sarah Hoover Bert, founder of the Chicago Mission, were held Sunday, February 20, with a number of old friends attending. Bishop Carl Stump spoke touching of her life of sacrifice and service for Christ of over fifty years in Chicago. At the close of the service, a number gathered at the altar when Bro. Stump offered special prayer for God's continued blessing on the work and workers in the future. The following poem was composed by Mrs. Ruth Jager, a former member of Sr. Sarah's ladies' class and read at the service.

Carl J. Carlson and Staff

#### TO YOU, SISTER SARAH

In the Mission that you founded  
We think of you today,  
How God picked you for service  
In a very special way.

There have been many changes  
But much is just the same,  
For we still believe the message  
And worship in His Name.

The pulpit has been built anew—  
The classes changed around,  
The boys and girls are growing up  
New teachers have been found.

But Christ is still the Captain  
And the theme of all in song,  
As the years merge into yesterday  
And the Mission work goes on.

(Rev. 14:13)

Mrs. Ruth Jager

#### Zion, Abilene, Kansas

"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together." Psalm 34, 3. January 31 was the opening of our winter revival meetings with Bro. Joseph VanderVeer from Pontiac, Michigan as evangelist. Bro. VanderVeer very ably preached the Word of God in giving heart-searching messages. There was a good number who knelt at the altar of prayer and testified to having received definite help in their homes or elsewhere. Truly we who attended these meeting with open hearts could not help but receive encouragement. During this time of revival we were blessed with favorable weather most of the time, and the attendance was good. We were also thankful for those who attended from other denominations and took part in the services. There were some afternoon prayer meetings which were a spiritual blessing to the services. Bro. VanderVeer showed a special interest in children. I am sure the children will not soon forget his interest and love for them. Our prayer is that those who have taken forward steps may continue on and may fully obey the Lord.

We have been very thankful for the privilege of having Sister Fanny Longenecker, returned missionary from Africa and one of our home girls, with us in our services and in our community while visiting her parents and other relatives and friends. Her talks and object lessons to the children in Sunday school and other services were much appreciated.

Sunday evening, February 13, the church was well filled for farewell service before she left again for Africa. She told of some interesting experiences and of God's leading in her life during the year of her furlough, and of her desire to return to the

#### General Conference Program Bulletin

The General Conference of the Brethren in Christ Church is scheduled to convene June 8, 1955 at Upland, California.

The General Conference Program Bulletin is now being compiled. All matter for inclusion in the Bulletin should be in the hands of the General Conference Secretary not later than April 1, 1955.

We ask all State, Provincial, District and Congregational Secretaries, Board and Committee Secretaries, and all others having material for publication in the Bulletin to kindly give attention to the matter. Your prompt response will be greatly appreciated by us.

H. H. Brubaker,  
General Conference Secretary

#### Pennsylvania State Council Convenes at Grantham on Tuesday, April 12

The 1955 Pennsylvania State Council will convene on the campus of Messiah College on Tuesday, April 12. Sessions will begin promptly at 9:00 A.M.

The change from Thursday to Tuesday has been made because of the prescribed day falling in Holy Week and the next Thursday, April 14, conflicting with the meeting of the National Holiness Association.

District secretaries and committees are requested to submit reports and items for council consideration as early as possible.

Jacob G. Kuhns  
Grantham, Pennsylvania  
State Secretary

#### LOVE FEAST

Fairland Church, Cleona, Pa.....May 14, 10 a.m.

#### EVANGELISTIC SLATE

Farris Mines Mission, Allisonia, Va.....  
April 24 through May 8  
Bish. Henry N. Hostetter, Evangelist

African field, the land to which God has called her. Our prayers go with her as she again takes up the work on the mission field.

We are glad for visitors who come to worship with us from time to time. Sunday March 6, Bro. Bob Helsel, from the Free Methodist church at Minneapolis, Kansas was in our morning service and gave an object lesson for the children and older ones as well, in which he explained that the temporal things of life, though they are all right in their place cannot bring true happiness. He told how it takes the Blood of Christ applied to our hearts to open the door to true happiness.

—Mrs. J.C.H.

## BIRTHS

"Children are an heritage of the Lord"

**ZOOK**—Lonnie Dale arrived on Feb. 22, 1955, to bless the home of LeRoy and Rocena Zook of Midland, Mich.; a brother for Jerry, Teddy and Bobby.

**WENGER**—Bro. and Sr. Arthur Wenger of the Mt. Pleasant congregation announce the birth of Patty Louise, February 5, 1955.

**ROHRER**—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rohrer, of Valley Chapel congregation, Canton, Ohio, are the happy parents of a baby boy Eugene David III, born Feb. 17; a brother for Susan Elizabeth.

**STOOPS**—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Stoops of the Waynesboro congregation are the happy parents of a daughter, Joyce Marie born February 13, 1955.

**DUTWEILER**—Mr. and Mrs. Jay Dutweiler of Lebanon, Pa., welcomed into their home a son, Jed Aaron, born March 1, 1955.

**KELLER**—Mr. and Mrs. Lester Keller of the Hummelstown congregation welcomed into their home, Dennis Paul, on Feb. 15, 1955. A brother for Raymond and Steven.

**GINGRICH**—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gingrich, Hummelstown, Pa., are the happy parents of a son, John Samuel, born March 5, 1955.

**LEHMAN**—Bro. and Sr. Robert Lehman of Carlisle, Pa. announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Kathryn, on November 4, 1954.

**ANDERSON**—Bro. and Sr. Vance Anderson of New Cumberland, Pa. announced the birth of a son, David Rex, on December 19, 1954.

**ASPER**—Bro. and Sr. Calvin Asper of Mechanicsburg, Pa. announced the birth of a daughter, Ruth Louise, on January 19, 1955.

**MUSSER**—Bro. and Sr. John Musser of Mechanicsburg, Pa. announced the birth of a son, Harry David, on January 28, 1955.

**HESS**—Mr. and Mrs. Jay Melvin Hess welcomed a little son, Jay Melvin, Jr. into their home on Feb. 20, 1955. They are members of the Pequea Congregation.

**GREENAWALT**—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Greenawalt welcomed Sharon Elaine into their home on Jan. 12, 1955, a sister for Faye Elizabeth and Daniel Lamar.

**MUSSER**—Eileen Catherine Musser arrived February 9 to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Musser of Mount Joy, Pa.

**MUMMA**—Mr. and Mrs. Adin Mumma, welcome the arrival of a little girl, Heather Jean Mumma; a sister for Carole Ann and David.

**CHARLES**—A brother for Sharon Kaye, a gift from God, and dedicated to God, is James Lynn. He arrived February 19, 1955 to bless the home of Landon and Vera Charles of Tulare, California who assist in the work of the Waukena Brethren in Christ Community Church.

## MARRIAGES

For these we wish God's richest blessing and send, with our compliments, a year's subscription to the Evangelical Visitor.

**SENTZ-SOLLENBERGER**—On Saturday afternoon, Feb. 19, 1955, Miss Dorothy Jean Sollenberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Sollenberger, Chambersburg, Pa. became the bride of David B. Sentz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Seth J. Sentz, Hellam, York County, Pa.

The ceremony was performed in the New Guilford Brethren in Christ Church by Rev. Charles W. Rife, pastor of the bride.

**ORTEZ-RODRIGUEZ**—On Feb. 27, 1955 Teadora Belen Ortiz and Joe Pulido Rodriguez were united in marriage in the Life Line Gospel Mission in the presence of one hundred and fifty guests. Belen has been a member of our Sunday school for about ten years and our secretary for the past two years.

The pastor, Rev. H. W. Buckwalter, performed the ceremony.

## OBITUARIES

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

**MUSSER**—Ivan Jay, five-month-old son of Rev. and Mrs. Roy J. Musser, of Ickesburg, Penna., was born August 18, 1954 and died on January 20, 1955. He is survived by his parents and a sister Leona.

**MINTER**—Emma Elizabeth Frey, daughter of Adam and Mary Frey was born in Lee County, Illinois, August 11, 1871, and peacefully departed from this life at Abilene, Kansas, February 11, 1955, at the age of 83 years, and 6 months.

At the age of six years, traveling in a covered wagon with her parents and their young family, Emma came to Kansas, locating in Dickinson County. Here in the environment of pioneer life she grew to womanhood.

On January 19, 1892, she was united in marriage to John Anderson Minter. This union was blessed with six children. They established their home near Abilene and engaged in farming until 1925 when they retired from the farm, taking residence in Abilene.

According to her personal testimony she accepted Christ at His first call. She united with the Brethren in Christ Church in 1892. Some years later she received a definite call to service. In a vision the Lord took her over the country roads, designating her field of labor. In obedience to this call, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Olive Lady, these roads were traveled for years, going from house to house with horse and buggy. For the last 20 years Mother Minter's concern for souls found expression in her untiring superintendency of the Home Department of the Sunday school of the local church. The radiance of the Christ-life reflected by her was an inspiration to all who knew her.

Preceding her in death were her husband in 1943, and her daughter Mrs. Earl W. Engle in 1919. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. D. E. Bert, of Abilene, and Mrs. Abram Noel of Thomas, Oklahoma; three sons, Rev. John L. Minter of Dillsburg, Pa., David H. and Samuel Minter of Abilene; two sisters, Mrs. Samuel Ketterman, Abilene, and Mrs. John Engle, Upland, Calif.; three brothers, John Frey of Canon City, Calif., Rev. C. A. Frey and Lawrence Frey of Abilene. There are 21 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren; a number of nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Memorial services were held at Abilene, Feb. 14 and were in charge of Elder David Musser, assisted by Bishop M. M. Book and Eld. G. E. Whisler.

Interment in the Union Cemetery.

**UNDERHILL**—Jane Underhill, widow of the late John Underhill, passed away at the home of her son-in-law and daughter Reginald and Hazel McQuiggan of Calton, Ont., on Saturday Feb. 19, 1955, in her 94th year.

Sr. Underhill was the daughter of the late Robert and Catherine Williams. She was converted in March 1933, and united with the Brethren in Christ Church that same year. Although our sister had been bed-fast for the past six years, and was not privileged to attend the services, yet she retained her Christian experience and often expressed her love for the Lord.

She leaves to mourn her departure two sons, Daniel of Glen Meyer, and Lewis of Eden; five daughters, Mrs. George Forsythe (Essie), Mrs. Charles Chalk (Hattie), Mrs. Albert Moore (Maggie), all of Vienna; Mrs. William Dickinson (Pearl) of Brownsville, Mrs. Reginald McQuiggan (Hazel) of Calton. Also one brother, Samuel Williams, of Lyons; 25 grandchildren and 53 great-grandchildren. One son predeceased her two years ago.

Funeral services were held at the Kinglake Church on Feb. 22, in the charge of Rev. Alonzo Vannatter, assisted by Rev. Basil Long. Interment in the Kinglake Cemetery.

**SOLLENBERGER**—Iantha May Sollenberger was born May 31, 1878 near Englewood, Ohio where her parents resided on a farm. She departed this life after a lingering illness on March 12, 1955, at the age of 76 years, 9 months and 11 days.

On December 20, 1916, she was married to Cyrus Sollenberger. They moved to Kansas on the farm they occupied the remainder of her life, south of Hope, Kans.

Her motherly virtues were expressed in taking a boy of seven years of age into their home, whom they reared and educated, whose name was Harold Sollenberger.

Her parents and three brothers preceded her in death. There yet remain of her family her husband, a brother, Arthur Moist of Dayton,

Ohio, one sister, Anna Moist, who shared the home of her sister on the farm. Also Harold Sollenberger, his wife and five children of Wichita, Kansas, with many other relatives and friends who enjoyed her warm fellowship through life.

She made her decision for Christ at the age of 18 years, and became a faithful, loyal member of the Brethren in Christ Church through life.

The church entrusted to her husband and her the office and duties of Deacon in 1934, which place they served as long as they were able.

Well can it be said, she "being dead yet speaketh."

The funeral was held from the Wuthnow Funeral Home, also the Rosebank Church, Rev. R. I. Witter in charge, C. A. Plank, assisted. Burial in the Hope Cemetery.

**SHAW**—William Alvin Shaw, the son of William M. and Mary Mummert Shaw, was born April 9th, 1952 and departed this life on Sunday noon, March 6, 1955 at the age of 2 years, 10 months and 27 days.

His days on this earth were few due to a heart condition which he had from birth. He was therefore always in the tender care of his family.

Left to mourn his departure are his parents, his paternal grandparents Wm. and Lucile Shaw of Waynesboro, and his maternal grandparents Rozel and Florence Mummert of Greencastle.

"God's finger touched him and he slept."

Funeral services were held in the Minnick Funeral Home at Greencastle, with Rev. LeRoy B. Walters in charge, assisted by Rev. Norman Martin. Burial took place in Price's Church Cemetery.

**ACKER**—David James was born near Wainfleet, Ontario, August 30, 1885. He passed away February 19, 1955 at the age of 69 years, 5 months, and 20 days.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Ray Smith and Mrs. George McWilliams, and three sons, Clifford, Jefferson, and Orlando, one sister, Mrs. Sylvia Robins, one brother Charles Acker and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted in the Wainfleet Brethren in Christ Church by Rev. Glen Ressler. Interment in the Zion Cemetery, Winger, Ontario.



**MCC**  
News Notes

### Morro Indians Attack Paraguay Mennonites Again

On Saturday, Feb. 12, a party of Morro Indians in Paraguay raided two Mennonite villages in Fernheim colony injuring two men who are now being treated in the Filadelfia hospital.

The party consisting of seven or nine Indians first struck Village No. 10 around 9 a.m. attacking a Mr. Bergen who was hit in the leg with a spear. Hauling a log on the road toward Filadelfia, he drove away from them and the Indians did not follow.

Then about noon the Indian group came to Village No. 2. Seeing the party enter the village, two families near the edge of the village rushed toward the third family's house. Everyone got inside except Wilhelm Sawatzky who was hit in the abdomen by an arrow. The Indians then clubbed him breaking an arm and generally beating him. When another man came to his assistance, the Morros left, taking pails, blankets, pillows and a hatchet with them.

Dr. Dollinger at the Filadelfia hospital thinks the men will recover unless infection sets in. He does not think the wounds show any sign that the spears or arrows were poisoned.

On previous occasions these fierce Morro Indians have attacked the Mennonite settle-



ments and brutally killed some of the colonists.

During the past several years attempts have been made by Mennonite missionaries to contact this tribe in an effort to bring them the Christian Gospel. Two trips into their territory have been made but never have any of the Morros been sighted, according to Missionary G. B. Giesbrecht.

In an effort to win their confidence and favor, the missionaries left gifts for them at several places consisting of clothing, food, mirrors and some trinkets for the children. On their second visit they found these gifts untouched. It is thought that the Indians have mistaken this expression of love as an attempt to poison or injure them and now are expressing their resentment through these raids.

This situation is a call to prayer for these Indians as well as for Mennonite relationships with them. Christians should pray that the Mennonite missionaries may find a way to present Christianity to the Morros, that the Indians may experience only acts of love from those they attack and that the Mennonite colonists will trust God for protection being willing to suffer violence should that be necessary.

#### New Formosa Hospital Dedicated

The newly-constructed 35-bed Mennonite hospital building in Hwalien, Formosa, was dedicated for service to God and man on Jan. 21—exactly five months after the cornerstone laying.

The simple but meaningful dedication of the building was a time of recommitment to

Christ for those ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of Formosans in that area. This aspect of the dedication took on particular significance since the new facilities had been in use for several weeks, the patients and equipment having been moved in before the new year.

#### PAX Men Begin New Project in Vienna, Austria

A new PAX unit has been organized in Austria to aid in the reconstruction of a large Evangelische Church school in the center of Vienna which was burned out during the war.

This project is a cooperative venture between MCC and the Brethren Service Commission. MCC has made six PAX men available and BSC is providing a similar number.

There is a desperate need for this Christian day school which accommodated 600 children before the war. The building was given to the Evangelische Church by the rulers of Austria when freedom of religion was established.

During the war it was appropriated by the armed forces as a combination supply depot and armory, and at the end of the war set afire to keep the supplies from falling into the hands of the Allies. The building was completely gutted but the basic skeletal structure is sound.

#### A Fruit of Relief Work

Brother and Sister Norman A. Wingert, Upland, Calif., MCC representatives in Tokyo, Japan, relate the following experience

illustrating how relief work opens the way to present the claims of Christ:

"As we learned of those who were suffering these cold winter nights from lack of bedding, our women's Bible class here in Tokyo got busy and made some 'futons' (comforters). Since the long history which is Japan's has not developed a social consciousness of responsibility for others (except members of families), this gesture by these Japanese women took on real significance. On Friday we studied the story of the Good Samaritan, illustrated by slides. After the lesson, everyone pitched in to help make 'futons' for a very poor tubercular family which the welfare board had told us about. The family had been living in a Buddhist temple, and since the priest could not let them stay longer, they had to find shelter in an old shed. Saturday morning we took the 'futons' which the women had made to this family. There seemed no end to their bows and their words of thanks.

"Next day the mother showed up at our center to thank us again and to ask about Christianity. Fortunately Dorcas (a Japanese girl who comes to sew for us) was here, and being a Christian, told her about Christ and the Christian faith. It was a moving scene. While I was getting lunch, these two were talking and praying together, tears in the eyes of both. Although I could not understand the language, I left the rice pot and the smoked salmon and joined the prayer meeting. As the three of us later sat down to our simple meal, it seemed the table was bathed in God's glory."

## Missions in America

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**\*Shanesville, Ohio;** Eli Christner, pastor

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A heart-rending report from Max Snider . . . and the last heifer distribution in Germany.

"Cow No. 21 was the last one to be drawn. She was the one which had miscarried at sea and was still sick although she apparently hadn't lost much strength. The man (recipient) had been in the hospital 11 months in 1954 and he was carrying many wounds from the war. His wife is a hard worker and had kept a few acres of land cultivated. They have two children and were probably the neediest family there. Still, they were quite happy with the sick cow and just as they were about to load her into the rented truck, she collapsed and wouldn't stand up again.

"The scene of sorrow was indescribable. The crippled man placed his arms around the cow's neck and caressed her as she lay on a small bed of straw which had been quickly arranged. The wife stood back a few yards and, with tears running from her eyes, just looked on.

"A veterinarian was immediately summoned and arrived within minutes. He said that the cow was in good health with good lungs and a good heart, but that through transportation, quarantine, and so forth, she had become exhausted. He gave high hopes that she would live and some day would make a good dairy cow, but probably at great expense.

"To a poor family who has nothing, it is understandable that this will be a great burden. They wanted to try, and so with great anticipation helped the men standing nearby carry the cow on to the truck. A scene such as this where a great need is being answered becomes disheartening when that answer seems to fail."

—Heifer Project Inc.

## Items from the News

### Present Administration Seen to Rely on Prayer

The administration of President Eisenhower has been marked by a resurgence of the popularity of religion in high governmental circles. Latest attempt to discover proof of the depth of the President's spiritual conviction comes from a reliable source and would seem to indicate that the incumbent lawmakers do rely on prayer in the important business of running the Government.

Evangelist Billy Graham preached to an audience of more than 2000 persons in Washington's historic First Presbyterian church on March 6, in his last public appearance before leaving for a five-month campaign beginning in Scotland.

The congregation was possibly the most distinguished ever addressed by the evangelist from the hills of North Carolina. In addition to President and Mrs. Eisenhower, it included Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay, Postmaster General Arthur Sumnerfield.

In Greensboro, N. C., the Herald-Journal printed this item as current news: The Presbyterian minister was summoned to the bedside of a Methodist woman who was ill. As he went up the path he met the little daughter, and said: "I am glad your Mother called me in her need. Is your own minister out of town?" "No," answered the child, "he's at home, but we thought it might be something contagious and we didn't want to expose him to it."

# The First Communist

Dick Hillis

THE FIRST Communist was a disciple of Jesus. Here are the facts:

*The Time*—A few days before Christ died. *The Place*—A home in Bethany. Jesus is there. His disciples are there. Martha is busy serving. Mary kneels before Jesus and breaks an alabaster box of costly perfume. The rich fragrance fills the air . . . everyone turns to watch Mary as she anoints the feet of Jesus and dries them with her hair. The creature is worshipping her Creator . . . the sinner expressing her love to her Saviour.

A harsh voice shatters the silence of the moment, "*To what purpose this waste?*" the first Communist declares. To give to God . . . to sacrifice . . . to worship . . . is waste. That's what Judas meant.

For eighteen months while living under the Communists in China, we heard these words repeatedly: *To what purpose this waste? Be gone with Christianity! Your worship of Christ is waste, it is superstition, it is opium to the people!*

These are Devil-inspired words! We had better face it—Communism is no mere political ideology. It is the deification of man—a vicious, Satan-inspired religion designed to destroy man, both body and soul.

*Why was not this ointment sold and given to the poor?* What a cover up! *Give to the poor . . . give to the poor!* parrot the Communists. Are they sincere? No more than Judas was. So cunningly had Judas said it that even the disciples would have been deceived had Jesus left it there. So brilliant are Communist writings, and so shrewd their propaganda, that even Christians are often duped.

*Give to the poor . . .* is a diabolical plan to use the poor to subjugate the rich, and then in turn to enslave the poor and conquer the world.

*Give to the poor . . .* noble words! But Jesus exposes Judas, declaring,

"*This He said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief.*" Judas was uncovered . . . as a thief, a liar, a deceiver—yes, a murderer.

Communism is the brain child of Satan. Judas was its first disciple. He betrayed and murdered Christ. Thousands of God's children have since been murdered by the followers of Judas. Thousands are dying as martyrs today by the hands of those who like Judas pretend to tolerate Christ, but in reality await their time to betray Him. The hammer and sickle of atheistic Communism rule one third of the world—its shadow moves across the remainder of Asia—and then—you are next!

Lenin ordered, "Asia first . . . and then America!" What can we do to stop this terrible force?

Recognize it as a Satanic spiritual force, the fastest moving religion in the world. Realize that America, yes, all the free world, is its objective. Pray. Communism has no instruments with which to combat the spiritual forces of supplication to Almighty God.

Proclaim. Only the Gospel of Jesus Christ the *Light of the World* can disperse the doctrine of demoniac darkness.

To millions it is either Christ or Communism. The answer depends upon us. A man brought to Christ can never be a Communist. The Communists are prepared to pay all to conquer the world. Their motto is: *Communism for all, and my all for Communism.*

*Dare we do less?* Ours too, must be total dedication . . . *Christ for all, and my all for Christ.* Such dedication cannot be delayed. It is now or never.

(Copies of this message in tract form, may be had in quantity by writing to Dick Hillis, Box 45, Los Angeles 53, California.)